

M I N U T E S  
SHALER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. by Commissioner McElhone. He announced that the meeting was being taped and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: McElhone, Fisher, Boyle  
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Cross, Mizgorski, Iozzo, Shutter; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Matthew Sebastian, Engineer; Elaina DiBucci, Admin. Assistant; Amanda Jennings, Finance Assistant

**Mr. Rogers** stated that **Commissioner Fisher** is calling into the meeting telephonically due to being out of state.

**Mr. Boyle welcomed Tyson Ronel** who is working on his Eagle Scout. Mr. Ronel is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 138 of Shaler Township and he is working on getting his Communications Badge. The Board welcomed Mr. Ronel and commended him for his great communications skills.

**New Business:**

**Drones in Parks**

The first item of business was the discussion on drones in parks. Mr. Vita stated this topic was brought to the Boards attention inquiring about any restrictions on drones in Shaler Township parks. Mr. Iozzo stated that drones are not permitted in North Park. Upon inquiry from Mr. Rogers, Mr. Iozzo is going to get ahold of someone from North Park to confirm this and have something in writing. **John Rihn**, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the FAA has very strict regulations on the use of drones in all areas and especially within the proximity of airports. Mr. Rihn stated that anyone that owns a drone should have some sort of licensing or registration for their drones through the FAA.

**Mr. Rogers directed Mr. Vita to complete more research on the topic of drones in parks, then bring it back to the March committee meetings to discuss their findings.**

**Public Comment:**

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Rogers  
Manager

TJR:ed

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:11 p.m. by Commissioner Mizgorski. She announced that the meeting was being taped and asked the Secretary to call the roll. The Secretary called the roll as follows:

**PRESENT:** Fisher, Mizgorski, Iozzo  
**ALSO PRESENT:** David Shutter, Board Chairman, Commissioners Boyle, Cross and McElhone; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Matthew Sebastian, Township Engineer; Elaina DiBucci, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Jennings; Finance Assistant; Michael Garver, Public Works Parks and Recreation Foreman.

**Mr. Rogers** stated that **Commissioner Fisher** is joining the meeting telephonically due to being out of state and **Commissioner Mizgorski** is taking her place as **Chair**.

**New Business:**

**2021 Crawford Pool Season**

The first item of business was the 2021 Crawford Pool Season. **Mrs. Kording** stated this information needs to be confirmed early due to the 2021 Spring Newsletter that will be going out to residents in March. Mrs. Kording is recommending that there are no price increases in the pool fees for the 2021 season. She explained that a family pass consists of two adults and all dependent children under the age of 21, and anyone listed as a dependent must have documentation to prove that. Mrs. Kording stated the daily rates are also unchanged from previous years. Mrs. Kording explained the "Multi Day Use Passes" and how they will now be expanded to non-residents as well this year. She also presented to the board the "Fun/One Day Pass". She stated these are available to residents only and this will allow a resident to bring a few guests with them regardless of residency. Mrs. Kording stated the Township will be offering daily admissions this year which will be available at the pool gate, but everything else will be purchased online through the Townships new recreation platform, CivicRec. She stated that the Township plans to offer swim lessons and water aerobics this year.

**Mrs. Kording** recommends any senior that wants a senior pass must be a long-term resident of the Township of at least 25 years, and if they are not, they will be charged a season pass fee of \$25. **Mr. Rogers** stated he is going to do some research to see if they could shorten that time to 10 years instead of 25 years. **Mrs. Fisher** brought up the idea of hosting a few events for seniors at the pool as well.

**Mrs. Kording** stated that Seadog membership will remain the same as it has in previous years, before COVID. She confirmed that Seadogs do not pay the Shaler Area School District to use their pool. Mrs. Kording stated that a Seadog member who has a pass through a family pass, can swim and use the pool at no additional charge. If they only want to be a Seadog and are a resident, the Township will sell half price season passes to them, but the pass expires at the conclusion of the seadog season, which is typically mid-June. If they are a non-resident, they must buy a season pass for the whole year, there is no discount.

**Mrs. Kording** said **Parks and Recreation Foreman, Mike Garver**, suggested that the Township host a polar bear plunge fundraiser at the Crawford Pool before the Township turns on the boiler as a fundraiser to benefit an organization, to be determine at a later date.

**Mrs. Kording** stated she notices there a lot of seniors that utilize the pool even when temperatures are low and not many other patrons are there. She stated this is causing a loss of

money for the Township due to staffing requirements. She stated her and Mrs. Fisher discussed the possibility of having a temperature level or an attendance level of shutting the pool. Mrs. Kording stated that Cranberry and Hampton do a temperature level, so if the weather reaches a certain degree, the pool will close. She stated she will do some research to see what other pools requirements are and then determine what the policy will state.

**Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the recommendations for the 2021 Crawford Pool Season be recommended to the full board for approval. The motion was carried.**

#### **Field Permit Holders – Rules and Regulations**

The next item of business was the field permit holders – rules and regulations. **Mr. Rogers** stated the Township is issuing a set of rules and regulations to the organizations that use township fields so any disturbances will be handled by the police department immediately. He stated one of the issues that the Township is noticing in the parks is the consumption of alcoholic beverages, which is prohibited, and this is stated on the policy. He also stated permit holders are responsible for the removal of litter, fire pits are prohibited, and field permit holders are not permitted to alter with electrical boxes at the fields. Upon inquiry from **Mr. Cross**, **Mr. Rogers** confirmed that a few details to specify the rules and regulations will be added and updated before final approval at the next board meeting.

**Mrs. Fisher moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the new Field Permit Holders – Rules and Regulations be recommended to the full board for approval. The motion was carried.**

**Public Comment:** No comments

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Rogers  
Manager

TJR:ed

MINUTES  
SHALER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner Bill Cross. He announced that the meeting was being taped and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Cross, Boyle, Fisher  
ALSO PRESENT: David Shutter, Board Chairman; Commissioners Mizgorski & Iozzo; Timothy J. Rogers, Manager; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Elaina DiBucci, Admin. Assistant; Amanda Jennings, Finance Assistant

**Mr. Rogers** stated that Commissioner Fisher is joining into the meeting telephonically due to being out of state.

**New Business:**

**Updating the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)**

The first item of business was updating the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Mr. John Rihn, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that this is updated every 5 years. Mr. Rihn stated the requirements to submit for the HMP have been completed, which is one hazard mitigation project in the Township, which would be the Eagle Canyon Flood Mitigation Plan. He stated the purpose of having an HMP is if the Township is affected by a natural disaster and has to apply for relief funds, the Township would not be eligible to receive those funds unless the HMP is updated and ready to go. Mr. Rihn stated that the County must approve the plan first then the Township can approve this at the following Board meeting.

**Resident complaint regarding feeding deer**

**Mr. Rogers** stated that the Township has received multiple complaints about feeding deer with a related concern for deer ticks. **Mr. Boyle stated that Lieutenant Watkins** just issued a report last year on this issue and his controlled deer hunting program he runs in the Township. **Mr. Rogers** stated there is no other changes they can do at this time other than to remind residents not to feed the deer.

**Public Comment:** No comments

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Rogers  
Manager

TJR:ed

MINUTES  
SHALER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Mizgorski. He announced that the meeting was being taped and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Mizgorski, McElhone, Iozzo  
ALSO PRESENT: David Shutter Board Chairman, Commissioners Fisher, Boyle & Cross; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Matthew Sebastian, Engineer; Elaina DiBucci, Admin. Assistant; Amanda Jennings, Finance Assistant; Anthony Zelina, Public Works Director

**New Business:**

**2021 Road Paving Program**

The first item of business was the 2021 Road Paving Program. **Mr. Sebastian** presented the Board with two separate lists of roads that need paved this year, Proposed List A and Proposed List B. Mr. Sebastian had RoadBotics pulled up as well, the website that helps determine the condition of the roads throughout the Township. Mr. Sebastian presented Proposed List A to the Board which is a list of the worst roads in the Township, not taking wards into consideration. Mr. Sebastian then presented Proposed List B to the Board, which did take wards into consideration to evenly distribute road paving as best he could throughout wards.

**Mr. McElhone moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that Proposed List B for the 2021 Road Paving Plan be recommended to the full Board of Commissioners. The motion was carried.**

**Mr. Rogers** stated that him and Mrs. Kording are working to try and find more revenue for the road paving. He stated if they are successful in getting more money for road paving, they may pick up a park paving project on Dressel Road, since they will be paving Dressel Road.

**Public Comments:** No comments

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. McElhone moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Rogers  
Manager

TJR:ed